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Meetings have recently been held among interoperability stakeholders along the Iowa-Minnesota border. The product of these meetings has been Minnesota agencies being granted permission to join the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) land mobile radio system for interoperable communications with Iowa agencies. Likewise, Iowa agencies can now join the Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) land mobile radio system for interoperability with Minnesota agencies.

On behalf of the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB), I would like to commend everyone at those meetings for your diligent work on promoting and expanding interoperable capabilities between our two states. Agencies being free to utilize P25 interoperable networks like ARMER and ISICS is a key component to successes in protecting the public.

Please note that the ISICSB is in full support of these efforts and looks forward to the future advancements in interoperability that regular interstate meetings will bring forth.

If you have any questions, please contact our statewide interoperability coordinator, Chris Maiers, at [maiers@dps.state.ia.us](mailto:maiers@dps.state.ia.us) or 515-725-6108.

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